[OMB Control No. 2900-0216]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Application for Accrued Amounts Due a Deceased Beneficiary

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0216.

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

<u>Authority</u>: 38 U.S.C. 5121. VA regulated the eligibility criteria 38 CFR §3.1000 through §3.1010.

<u>Title</u>: VA Form 21P-601, Application for Accrued Amounts Due a Deceased Beneficiary

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<u>Type of Review</u>: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21P-601 is used to gather the information necessary to determine a claimant's entitlement to accrued benefits. Accrued benefits are amounts of VA benefits due, but unpaid, to a beneficiary at the time of his or her death. Benefits are paid to eligible survivors based on the priority described in 38 U.S.C. §5121(a). When there are no eligible survivors entitled to accrued benefits based on their relationship to the deceased beneficiary, the person or persons who bore the expenses of the beneficiary's last illness and burial may claim reimbursement for these expenses from accrued amounts.

No changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has decreased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past year.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The *Federal Register* Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 87 FR 17140 on March 25, 2022, page 17140.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,725 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

<u>Frequency of Response</u>: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,449 per year.

By direction of the Secretary:

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